

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A computerized Centralized Securities Depository (CSD)-system comprising:

a register of a plurality of financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments, each of which is defined by attributes, which can be traded within the system, in which register the instruments are given attributes which define the instruments

the financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments, and in which register the instruments are being configured together in a hierarchic multi-level structure based on the attributes wherein such that a first financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument on a first level in the hierarchy is linked to instruments on a second, lower level in the hierarchy defined by at least one of the attributes which are common for financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments on a second level,

wherein each financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument is only linked to one financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument on a level above it and said link between said instruments on the first and second levels of the hierarchy is defined by all of the attributes which are comprised in the instruments on said second level also being comprised in the instrument on the first level to which the instruments on the second level is linked.

2. Canceled.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein an amendment to an attribute in an financial instrument will cause the same amendment in the same attribute of those financial instruments which are linked to the amended financial instruments and which are on lower levels in the hierarchy than the amended financial instrument.

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, in which the financial instruments on at least said first level of the hierarchy are ~~templates for a financial instrument~~ templates.

5. (currently amended) The system of claims 1, in which the financial instruments from, ~~at the earliest,~~ said second level and downwards in the hierarchy are financial instruments, which can be traded ~~with~~ within the CSD-system.

6. (original) The system of claim 4, in which templates in the hierarchy are only allowed one link to a level above their own, but more than one link to levels below their own.

7. Canceled.

8. (currently amended) A method comprising:  
~~for organizing providing~~ financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments  
for safekeeping in a Centralized Securities Depository (CSD)-system, in which system the  
defining each of the financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments by  
attributes, can be traded with, according to which method attributes are assigned to the  
instruments, said attributes defining the instruments, and according to which method

configuring the financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments ~~are organized together~~ in a hierarchic multi-level structure ~~as follows~~ based on the attributes,

defining a financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument on a first level in the hierarchy by at least one of the attributes which are common for financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments on a second level, and

linking each financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument to only one financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument on a hierarchic level above that financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument;

~~a link is created between a first instrument on a first level in the hierarchy and instruments on a second, lower level in the hierarchy,~~

~~said link between said instruments on the first and second levels of the hierarchy is defined by all of the attributes which are comprised in the instruments on said second level also being comprised in the instrument on the first level to which the instruments on the second level is linked.~~

9. Canceled.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein any amendment to an attribute ~~in an instrument will cause a~~ financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument causes the same amendment in the same attribute of those ~~instruments~~ financial instruments and/or template for financial instruments which are linked to the amended ~~instruments~~ financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument and which are on lower levels in the hierarchy than the amended financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the ~~instruments~~ financial instruments and/or template for financial instruments placed on at least said first level of the hierarchy are templates for a financial instrument.

12. (currently amended) The method of claims 8, wherein the financial instruments used from, ~~at the earliest,~~ said second level and downwards in the hierarchy are financial instruments which can be traded ~~with~~ within the CSD-system.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein templates in the hierarchy ~~are~~ only given one link to a level above their own, ~~but~~ can have more than one link to levels below their own.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein a financial instrument is added to the CSD-system using the steps of:

finding an existing financial instrument in the CSD-system which has ~~at least~~ all of the attributes of the financial instrument which is to be added,

placing the financial instrument which is to be added on a level in the hierarchy ~~of the system~~ which is below said existing financial instrument, and

creating a link between the financial instrument to be added and the existing financial instrument.